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## **DEFENDANT CHARGED IN BANK ROBBERY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a defendant was charged in a criminal complaint filed in federal court today with robbing Bank of America.

**John Gail**, 35, address unknown, was charged in a criminal complaint filed in Kansas City with stealing \$1,508 from the Bank of America, 2728 N.E. Vivion Rd. in Kansas City, on Sept. 14, 2004.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Gail** approached a bank teller at approximately 9:45 a.m. and announced, "This is a robbery. I have a gun." Although the teller did not see a gun, the affidavit says, **Gail** put his hand under his shirt as if he had a weapon in his shirt. **Gail** allegedly held open a manila envelope, and the teller put the money in the envelope.

Soon after **Gail** left the bank in a Pontiac Sunfire, the affidavit says, a Clay County, Mo., Sheriff's deputy spotted him in the parking lot of a Northland apartment complex and he was arrested.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Michael Green. It was investigated by the Clay County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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